



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Huntington District

Public Notice

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Kanawha River	August 2 2004
Address comments to:	US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District
	602 Eighth Street
	ATTN: CELRHH
	Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

APPLICANT: Appalachian Power Company
John E. Amos Plant
1 Riverside Plaza
Columbus, Ohio 43215

LOCATION: The proposed project is located along the left descending bank of the Kanawha River, approximately 39.1 miles above the its mouth, near St. Albans, in Putnam County, West Virginia

DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to perform periodic maintenance dredging at its existing fuel oil unloading dock. Approximately 1,500 cubic yards of dredged material would be removed from the river bottom during each individual dredge occurrence. The dredging activity would be performed with a clamshell dredge. Material dredged from the river would be placed in barges and then transferred to lined haul trucks for placement within plant property. A drain would be installed for dewatering into the plant's bottom ash pond. Runoff from dewatering would receive treatment within the bottom ash pond/wastewater treatment complex and discharge to the Kanawha River through an NPDES permitted outlet. All upland activity would be conducted on the plant's property. After the initial dredging activity, further dredging would be conducted on an annual as-needed basis. The purpose of the work is to increase water depth at the existing fuel oil unloading dock to enable delivery of fuel oil via barge. If permitted, the proposed dredging operation would be approved for a period of 10 years.

Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register that are in the area affected by the project. A copy of this public notice will be furnished to the State Historic Preservation Office for their review. Comments concerning archeological sensitivity of a project area should be based upon collected data.

The Huntington District has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species, which has been determined to be critical. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

Any person who has an interest, which may be adversely affected by the issuance of a permit may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer on or before the

expiration date of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest, which may be adversely affected by the activity and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected by the activity.


Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Written statements on these factors received in this office on or before the expiration date of this public notice will become a part of the record and will be considered in the final determination. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Persons wishing to submit comments, objections or requests for public hearings concerning the Corps of Engineers permit should write:

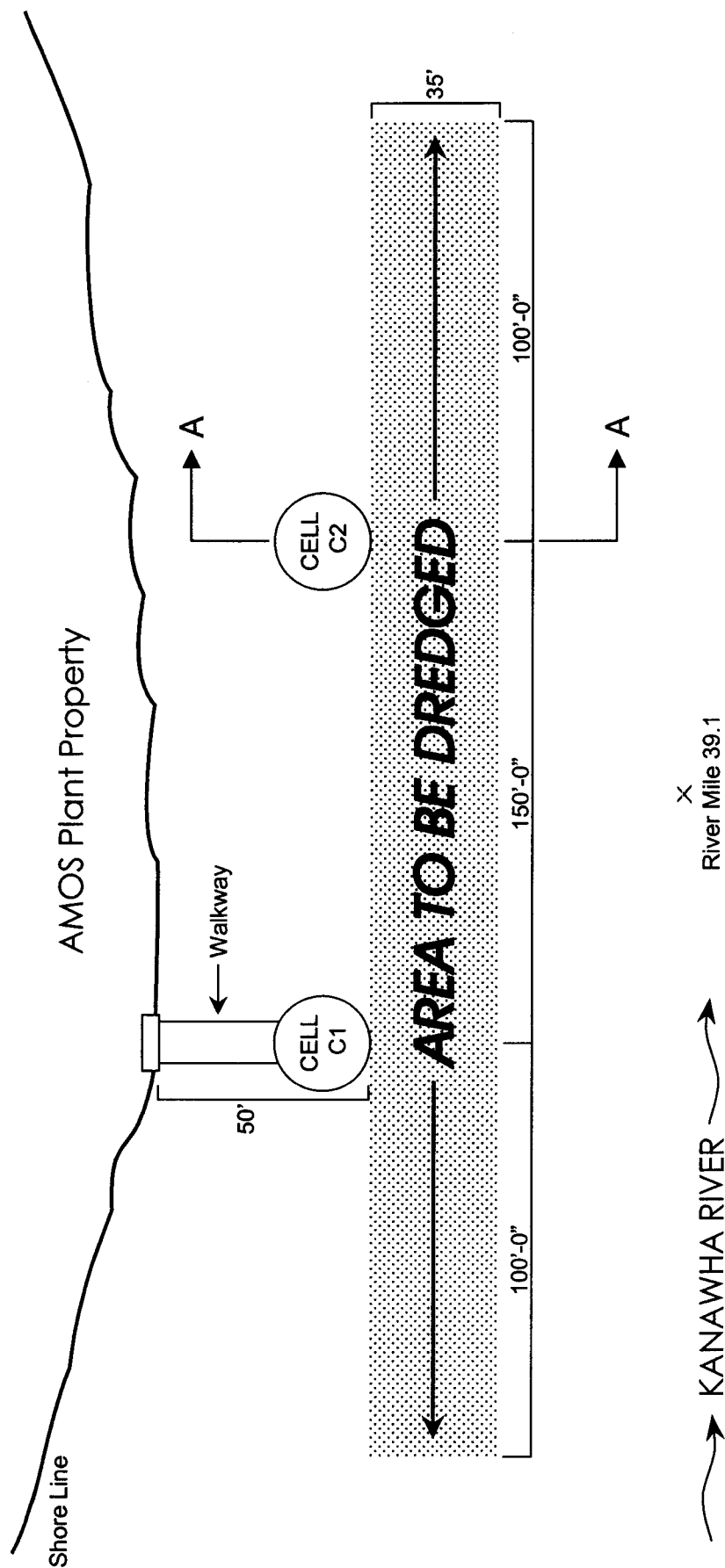
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
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If you have any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Mrs. Sarah Workman of the South Regulatory Section at (304)-399-5710.


Ginger Mullins, Chief
Regulatory Branch

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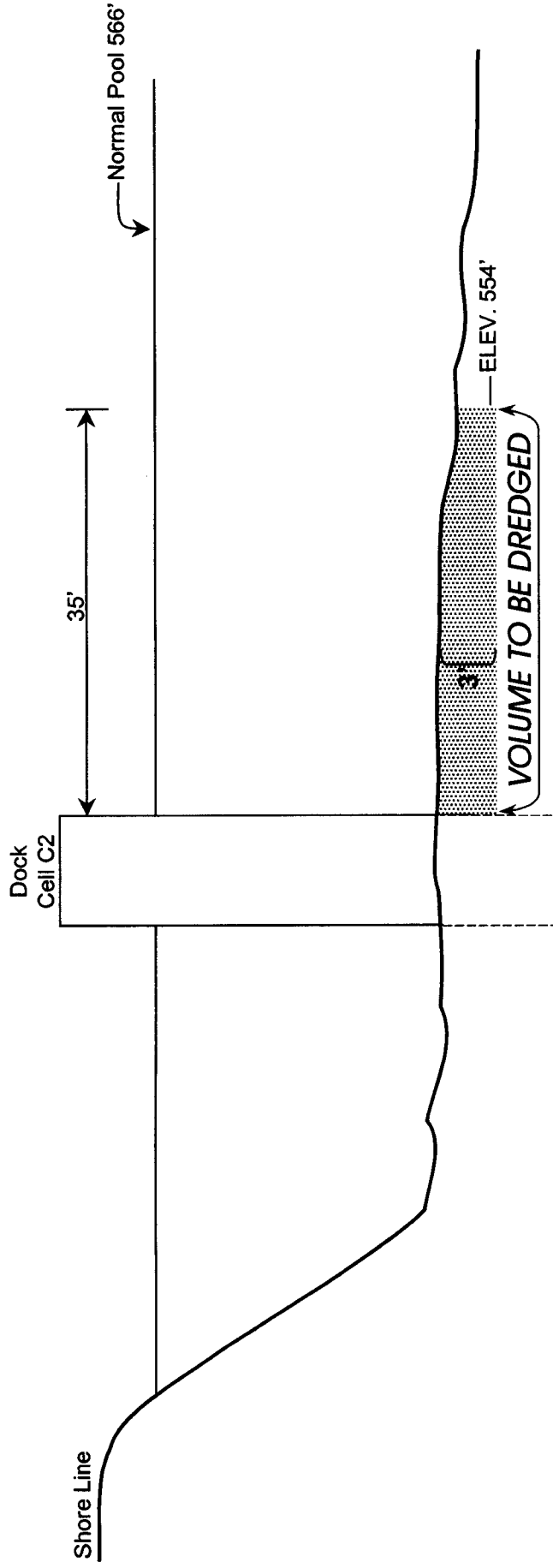
PLAN VIEW

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Appalachian Power Company
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 Fuel Oil Unloading Dock
 Maintenance Dredging

FIGURE 2. Plan View

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